

1 THIS IS DETECTIVE O'DELL, BADGE #1298, WITH THE PIMA COUNTY SHERIFF'S
2 DEPARTMENT. I'M CURRENTLY INVESTIGATING CASE #110108078. I'M
3 CURRENTLY LOCATED AT 7741 NORTH SOLEDAD AVENUE. UH, ASSISTING ME
4 TODAY IS, UH, AGENT J. HENZE, H-E-N-Z-E. THE TIME IS NOW 1325 HOURS ON
5 JANUARY 8, 2011. UH, THIS WILL BE THE TAPED STATEMENT OF RANDY
6 LOUGHNER.

7 LEGEND: Q. DET. O'DELL A. RANDY LOUGHNER
8 Q2. FBI AGENT J. HENZE
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10 Q. Um, sir, can you spell your last name for me?

11 A. L-O-U-G-H-N-E-R.

12 Q. Okay. And what is your date of birth?

13 A. [REDACTED]

14 Q. And you do reside here at [REDACTED]?

15 A. Yes, I do.

16 Q. Okay. Um, do you know your driver's license number by chance?

17 A. No, I don't.

18 Q. Okay. Is it on you?

19 A. Yes, it is.

20 Q. May I see it, please? Um, while you're doing that, um, I spoke with you briefly outside
21 of your residence here. And you mentioned that, uh, Jared Lee is your son. Is that
22 correct?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Okay. Excuse me. When was the last time you saw your son?

25 A. This morning.

26 Q. At about what time?

27 A. [REDACTED]

28 Q. And was it, is it unusual to see him? Is it normal?

29 A. Uh, he'd been gone in the morning. And he came back.

30 Q. Uh, where did he go? Do you know?

31 A. No clue.

32 Q. Okay. So, at 8:00 o'clock he, did he leave the house at that time?

33 A. He left at 6:00 o'clock.

34 Q. Oh, he left at 6:00. Okay. How do you know he left at 6:00?

35 A. 'Cause, he took my, my green car right there.

- 1 Q. Okay. So, he took the car? And he didn't tell you where he was going?
2 A. No.
- 3 Q. Okay. Um, but, you said that you didn't see him until 8:00?
4 A. Yeah.
- 5 Q. Okay. And is that when he?
6 A. He came, he came in at 7:00. And then he left again at se-, he came in at 7:00 and left at
7 7:00. And came back at 8:00.
- 8 Q. Okay. Did you talk with him at all?
9 A. I started to confront him because, he's, he came in, he came in and I wanted to talk to
10 him. And he took off.
- 11 Q. Okay. Is that unusual for him?
12 A. Well, he, he was acting strange.
- 13 Q. And expand on that. How was he acting strange?
14 A. Just didn't want to communicate. Just took off.
- 15 Q. Okay. Just left out the door?
16 A. Left.
- 17 Q. Did he say.
18 A. I called him. And I went tried to try to stop him. And he took off.
- 19 Q. Did he say anything to you?
20 A. Nope.
- 21 Q. Okay. Um, when he left, did he take his, your green car again?
22 A. Nope.
- 23 Q. Where did, or how did he leave?
24 A. He ran off down the street.
- 25 Q. And that was about 8 o'clock?
26 A. Yeah.
- 27 Q. Do you know which way he went?
28 A. Down.
- 29 Q. From Soledad?
30 A. Up Oranewood.
- 31 Q. Okay.
32 A. I came back in and tried to see where he went. And he was gone.
- 33 Q. Did he have anything with him?

- 1 A. His backpack.
- 2 Q. Okay. And what does that look like?
- 3 A. I don't know. It's just a backpack.
- 4 Q. Black? Blue? Green?
- 5 A. Uh.
- 6 Q. Yellow?
- 7 A. Black, I guess. I don't know really. Just a, had his, had a backpack.
- 8 Q. Okay. And he didn't say anything to you at all?
- 9 A. Nope.
- 10 Q. Okay. Does, does he have any friends that live nearby?
- 11 A. Not really. Doesn't have any friends anymore.
- 12 Q. Do you know why? I mean, is it because he doesn't go to school? Or doesn't work?
- 13 A. No, he's got dismissed at Pima. And he, 'cause, he's just been like, outcast, like.
- 14 Q. How does he get around town?
- 15 A. Walks most of the time.
- 16 Q. Okay. He just mostly walks? And since he doesn't any friends, nobody's giving him
- 17 rides? Or does he take the bus?
- 18 A. Not that I know of. Not that I know of.
- 19 Q. Okay. Um.
- 20 A. I haven't let him use the car at night at all, lately. At all. This morning was the first time
- 21 he took off in the morning in it. 'Cause, I've been, actually, so he can't take it, I, you
- 22 know, made it so he couldn't take the car.
- 23 Q. Okay. So, did he take it without your permission then this morning at 6:00?
- 24 A. Well, in the day I let him, he can use the car to go look for a job. He's been looking for a
- 25 job. With no luck.
- 26 Q. Okay. Um, just to go back a little bit. Um, how is Jared?
- 27 A. Jared's, well, he's been. I don't know how to explain it.
- 28 Q. Well, let's start with this. Um.
- 29 A. Uh, just missing school, because, he'd made a video at school. And they, they didn't like
- 30 his video. 'Cause, he's always, his first Amendment Rights. He's, uh, he's too
- 31 intelligent. You know? And they, and it, and they, they dismissed him from school.
- 32 Told him he needed to go see, seek medical help to come back to school.
- 33 Q. Okay. So, they told him to go seek some mental health?
- 34 A. Mm hm (yes).

1 Q. Or a mental health evaluation?

2 A. Mm hm (yes). And where he could come back to school.

3 Q. Did he do that?

4 A. No. Couldn't talk to him.

5 Q. Was there anything that you felt would indicate that he had a mental illness?

6 A. Well, he's been just, he just been distraught. Like, or he's been in, like, he's been angry
7 because, uh, he feels like he. I guess he felt like he'd been harassed at school by the
8 campus police or whatever. I don't, I don't know. I don't really know.

9 Q. Is that what he told you?

10 A. That's my observa-, my, the way I've seen it.

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. And he's, he's complained about it like.

13 Q. And how has he done that?

14 A. You know, he just kind of like verbally. He's always pissed at the pigs, is what he said.
15 Actually, kind of.

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. 'Cause, it's like, it's like, he thought they were out to get him or something. You know,
18 that's kind of what he said. They're out to get him.

19 Q. Is that something you believe that they are out to get him or?

20 A. Well, I didn't. But, he, evidently, did.

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. You know, because, it, uh, I guess a couple different things at school. And he thought
23 that they were overdoing it.

24 Q. Um, since he made a video about his, uh, First Amendment Rights, things like that. Did
25 he ever, does he ever. Excuse me one second. I'm, ju-, if you want to ask questions, go
26 ahead.

27 Q2. Um, Randy, uh, you mentioned a video. Do you know what, um, kind of video that he
28 made that got people upset? I mean, what.

29 A. Well, he was upset that they, like, I don't know what to say. I just think he is being
30 outcast or something. I don't know. I don't know, I don't know how to say it. That.
31 Uh, I don't know how to say it.

32 Q2. Did he show you the video?

33 A. Well, he deleted the video before I could see it. I tried to see it. He deleted it. But,
34 evidently, the campus police have already. Pima Campus Police already had seen it, I
35 guess. Because, they, uh, I don't, can't quite remember how it all went down. And they,
36 they came to our, they came to our house.

37 Q2. The Pima College Police?

- 1 A. Yeah. And told, they came to our house. And said that he was, uh, not allowed to come
2 back to the campus. And then, the, the next week we went there. And they had a, I don't
3 know. I don't know whether, who it, I don't remember whether it was the counselor, the
4 pre-, the president and somebody else and that they said that he wasn't allowed to be
5 making videos on campus. And that, oh. That they would review it. And then they sent
6 him a letter and said he was expelled from school until like, I just said what they said.
- 7 Q2. Right. Because of the video that he made?
- 8 A. Because of the video. And 'cause, you know, he tried to explain, he had a First
9 Amendment Rights to freedom of speech. And that due, freedom of video. Freedom.
- 10 Q2. Right.
- 11 A. You know, that he, that totally set him over. I think.
- 12 Q2. And do you think it was, uh, the video was about, uh, First Amendment and historical
13 stuff or?
- 14 A. Yeah.
- 15 Q2. Okay.
- 16 A. 'Cause, he's, he's just too smart for his own good.
- 17 Q2. How long has he, um.
- 18 A. It's had to of been for, he got, he got fired from his job last year. He'd been there for a
19 year. And he got fired from his job. And that's what started everything, really, I think.
- 20 Q2. Which job was it?
- 21 A. He worked at, uh, the mall.
- 22 Q2. Do you remember what business?
- 23 A. Oh, for, I don't really want to say the company.
- 24 Q2. Was that, uh, Tucson Mall?
- 25 A. Yeah.
- 26 Q2. After he had got laid off from his job, then ____ changing for him or?
- 27 A. Yeah, he ca-. Can't find, couldn't find a job, either. And that was, couldn't find a job.
28 It's like, and he didn't feel like he should have been fired from the job either.
- 29 Q2. Mm hm (yes). Did, um, did you notice of him getting angry? Or really angry over this?
30 Or changing how he, is demeanor? ____.
- 31 A. Mmm, you know, he was just, he just. Yeah, kind of. He just wasn't the same. He just,
32 nothing, nothing worked, seem to go right for him.
- 33 Q2. You mentioned that he didn't have any friends anymore. Did, I mean, did that happen
34 after him being, uh, laid off from his job or?
- 35 A. Yeah. Or he just kind of always been really, he's always kind of been a, you know, he,
36 he had a, a couple people that he knew. But, nobody that he was ever close to. But, one
37 person he's known all of his life. And that's it.

- 1 Q2. Was he still friends with this person?
2 A. Yeah, I believe so.
- 3 Q2. Does that person live here in town or?
4 A. Yeah.
- 5 Q2. Am I able to get their name?
6 A. No, I don't want to say the name.
- 7 Q2. Did Pima College ever, uh, give him a ticket or anything? Or tell him he had to go to
8 court for anything?
9 A. Mmm, not that I know of. Not that I, I don't know of.
- 10 Q2. So, he was never arrested by, the Pima College?
11 A. I don't, I don't think so. I, I, you know, I don't know.
- 12 Q2. Okay.
13 Q. Anything else?
14 Q2. Uh, he's not sure about what was on the video. But, Pima College might have that.
- 15 Q. Okay.
16 Q2. That's one of the reason he was let go from the school.
- 17 Q. Correct.
18 Q2. Um, he worked at the mall. And was let, was, uh, laid off. And.
19 A. He was fired.
- 20 Q2. Fired.
21 Q. So, and this was the Tucson Mall?
22 A. Yeah.
- 23 Q. Okay. do you know what store that was?
24 A. Yeah. But, I don't want to say that.
- 25 Q. Well, it would help for anything that, uh, under the circumstances, we have to be able to,
26 if there's anything that's left there from him. Um, anything that could harm anybody,
27 things like that. So, it would be of some.
28 A. It's been over a year now.
- 29 Q. Oh, okay. So, he was fired over a year?
30 A. It's been over a year.
- 31 Q. Um, your observations of him, when I last, when I. Sorry. I had to leave. Um, you
32 mentioned that your observations was that he was angry and he felt harassed. Um, and
33 what was, what was he saying that you.
34 A. He really saying anything, really. He just.
- 35 Q. What was he doing then that gave you that perception of him?

- 1 A. He just didn't seem. I don't know. I, I don't know how to explain it.
- 2 Q. Okay. Does he own or possess any firearms?
- 3 A. Well, I don't, you know. The, he had a shotgun. And I took it away. They're in the,
- 4 they're in the trunk of the car. It's in the garage.
- 5 Q. Okay.
- 6 A. And I've had a bad feeling that he's went. You know, I can't say nothing. He's 22 years
- 7 old. I haven't seen anything or I don't know of any that he, of any. But, that's. You
- 8 know, I don't know.
- 9 Q2. Randy, Randy, you mentioned the friend that he's known for a while. Uh, can you
- 10 expand on that a little bit just out of necessity for.
- 11 A. I really don't want to say names. The person, their parents work with my wife. And I
- 12 don't really want to say anything.
- 13 Q. You know, I can't reveal any details. Okay?
- 14 A. Yeah.
- 15 Q. But, it's very important. It is very, very important that we know who this person is.
- 16 A. I don't want to say anything. _____.
- 17 Q. Why, why do you think, uh.
- 18 A. I just don't want to say anything.
- 19 Q. Jared has a room here? At your house?
- 20 A. Yeah.
- 21 Q. It is a bedroom?
- 22 A. Mm hm (yes).
- 23 Q. In other words, he just doesn't sleep in the living room or anything like that?
- 24 A. No.
- 25 Q. It's an actual bedroom he has?
- 26 A. Mm hm (yes).
- 27 Q. Okay. Um, since he hasn't been working for, it sounds like a year. From what you're
- 28 saying, he was fired from a job. And you didn't mention that he was working for
- 29 anybody else. So, um, do you know how he gets money to purchase things?
- 30 A. Well, he had a sa-, you know, he had money that he saved from when he worked with,
- 31 uh, for a year. Well, he, he'd worked other jobs before that, too. But, he worked there
- 32 for a year. Then we give him money. You know, we're parents. You know?
- 33 Q. Right.
- 34 A. We're parents.

- 1 Q. Okay. So, the only firearm that you knew that he possessed was a shotgun, which is now
2 in the trunk of a car that's in the garage?
- 3 A. Yeah. And I'd give him the money, part of the money back that he'd spent. I don't
4 know, he's had it two or three years ago or something. And I'd give him part of the
5 money back for the gun. And, 'cause, I, when Pima College come to the house, I took
6 the gun away.
- 7 Q. Okay.
- 8 A. Then. 'Cause, I, they suggested that if I had any firearms, to take them away. And I did.
9 The other gun that's in there is an old antique gun I've had for 30 years. They're both in
10 the trunk of, of my car.
- 11 Q. Okay. And he's lived here, I guess, his entire life, shall we say?
- 12 A. No, he moved out one time.
- 13 Q. And where did he go?
- 14 A. He lived in an apartment somewhere across on Ina there at, on Shannon, I believe.
- 15 Q. How long ago was that?
- 16 A. More than two years or more, ago.
- 17 Q. Okay. So, how long has he been back at the house?
- 18 A. Oh, two years.
- 19 Q. Two years?
- 20 A. Mm hm (yes).
- 21 Q. Okay. And as far as you know, he doesn't have any other residences?
- 22 A. No.
- 23 Q. And he has no other friends?
- 24 A. No.
- 25 Q. Other than this one that you don't want to give the name to me?
- 26 A. Not that I know of. Not that I know of, myself.
- 27 Q. Okay. Um, do you know why we're here today talking with you?
- 28 A. Well, the neighbor told me.
- 29 Q. What did the neighbor tell you?
- 30 A. That he, that he shot somebody.
- 31 Q. How does the neighbor know?
- 32 A. They, he said he saw it on the news.
- 33 Q. Okay.
- 34 A. That there's been a shooting.

- 1 Q. And which neighbor is this?
2 A. Wayne.
- 3 Q. Um, and where does he live?
4 A. He lives right here.
- 5 Q. Okay, but, 7740?
6 A. Right here.
- 7 Q. Oh, behind us. Okay.
8 A. Right here at this place. He just told me that there had been a shooting at. That, the one
9 officer told me there'd been a shooting at Ina and Oracle.
- 10 Q. Okay. And he told you that Jared did it or?
11 A. No. No.
- 12 Q. He just told you that there was a shooting at Ina and Oracle.
13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Why would he tell you that?
15 A. Well, we've been neighbors for 33 years.
- 16 Q. Okay. But, why, I mean, that's what I don't understand is, you know.
17 A. Well, I asked him if he had heard anything on the news.
- 18 Q. And what'd he say?
19 A. That there had been a shooting.
- 20 Q. Okay. And since we're here talking to you, you.
21 A. Or.
- 22 Q. And so you put two together, two and two?
23 A. We put. Put two and two together. I'm not, I'm not both stupid.
- 24 Q. Mm hm (yes). Um.
25 A. So, why don't you tell me.
- 26 Q. Did Jared ever, does he ever, ha-, write in a notebook? Or keep a diary? Anything like
27 that that you think he would put down his thoughts? Or did he say anything to you about
28 what if.
29 A. No, he's never said anything to me. Other than the fact that, like I said, he felt that the
30 pigs were out to get him. And he's wrote crap in, in.
- 31 Q. In books? Journals?
32 A. Yeah.
- 33 Q. Okay.
34 A. But, you can't read it.

- 1 Q. Is it, why is that?
2 A. It's like his own script or something.
- 3 Q. Okay.
4 A. You can't read it. I've tried to read it.
- 5 Q. Okay. And do you know where he keeps those?
6 A. Well.
- 7 Q. In his room? Or maybe in a safe or?
8 A. Yes. Yeah, yeah, they're in his room.
- 9 Q. Okay.
10 A. There's, there's one behind the, his, his dresser. There's pro-, I think there's one under
11 the dresser or something. You can't read it. It's, uh, it's, you know, it's his own script or
12 something.
- 13 Q. Okay. Does he, in, in the handwriting, or I guess, in his writings, uh, does he talk that
14 same way, too? Or no? In other words, like, speaking gibberish or?
15 A. No.
- 16 Q. In some kind of language that?
17 A. No.
- 18 Q. Okay.
19 A. No.
- 20 Q. And so, what you're saying is that he in, in no way has communicated with you?
21 A. No.
- 22 Q. Okay.
23 A. Other than the fact, like I said, he's got lots, they're out to get him.
- 24 Q. And he's never mentioned a plan of how he's gonna keep them....
25 A. No.
- 26 Q. ...from harassing him or?
27 A. No. But, I've told him, I, I've told him, I didn't want anything to happen to him. But, I
28 tried to talk to him. But, you can't, he wouldn't let, you could, he wouldn't communicate
29 with me no more.
- 30 Q. Okay.
31 A. Lost, lost and just didn't want to communicate with me no more
- 32 Q. Okay. And this morning at 8:00 o'clock, when he was, did he try to leave in the car?
33 A. No. He just, I tried to stop him though, wanted to see what he had in his backpack.
- 34 Q. Okay. And why is that?

- 1 A. I just wanted to see, 'cause, he came in. I seen him get in his trunk. 'Cause, I heard him
2 leave at 6:00. And I got up. 'Cause, I told him he's not to use the car at night.
- 3 Q. And we're talking 6:00 this morning. And that's.
4 A. 6:00 this morning.
- 5 Q. Okay. And he left somewhere for an hour, came home, left.
6 A. Left.
- 7 Q. Did he leave in the car again?
8 A. Yeah.
- 9 Q. Okay.
10 A. And then he came back.
- 11 Q. And it was roughly about an hour later.
12 A. Yeap. And I was waiting there to, me and my wife both were waiting there to talk to
13 him.
- 14 Q. And he refused to talk to you.
15 A. Took off running.
- 16 Q. Never said a word to you.
17 A. No. The only thing. Nope. Not at all. The only thing he said, what was up.
- 18 Q. Okay.
19 A. That's the only thing he said.
- 20 Q. Um, before we arrived at your residence, did you go anywhere or?
21 A. My wife's been to the Walmart, Costco and to the Sunflower Market.
- 22 Q. Okay.
23 A. And garage sale.
- 24 Q. And, when you received the news, is that when you returned? Or before you left?
25 A. No news. I didn't receive no news. Just was coming back home, regular day.
- 26 Q. Okay.
27 A. Just a regular day.
- 28 Q. What time do you think you left for the, the Walmart? Or to do your chores, basically?
29 Or errands?
30 A. 9:30 or 10:00 o'clock, I guess.
- 31 Q. Okay. And when did you, when did you return?
32 A. Right whenever, when, I don't know. I didn't pay no attention to the time.
- 33 Q. Okay. But, is that when Wayne approached you?

- 1 A. I went and approached him. When the, I come home and all the ____.
- 2 Q. Oh, the police were out in front of your house?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Okay.
- 5 A. And then I, me and him have been neighbors, like I say, for 33 years.
- 6 Q. Okay. Do you have anything, Jay? Has, has he ever, has Jared ever been diagnosed with
- 7 a mental illness?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. Never gone to a doctor?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Okay. No? Okay.
- 12 A. But, ____.
- 13 Q2. Um, do you.
- 14 A. Just doesn't seem right lately.
- 15 Q2. Was he, uh, do you know what kind of music he listened to? Was he involved in the
- 16 arts? Did he have something that he ____.
- 17 A. Uh, he listened to all, you know, kids. They listen to all, to everything.
- 18 Q2. Okay.
- 19 A. He ____, you know.
- 20 Q2. Anything that really hit home with him that was something that he cherished or?
- 21 A. Well, it's like, you know, I know he's. Every kid, they listen to hard music. I've took
- 22 him to Phoenix to big concerts and took him there myself.
- 23 Q2. Sure. Sure. Any, uh, web sites he ____? Or were you privy to that?
- 24 A. You know, I just, I'm not a, I'm not a computer person.
- 25 Q2. Well, I understand that.
- 26 A. But, you know, he's on the computer all the time.
- 27 Q2. Okay.
- 28 Q. Does he have his own laptop or is it, uh, a family computer in the living room?
- 29 A. It's in the kitchen.
- 30 Q. Okay. Okay. And then besides the computer, you also said that you know he writes in
- 31 notebooks, things like that. And you're pretty positive the location of these are in his
- 32 room.
- 33 A. Yeah. Yeah.
- 34 Q. Okay. Okay. Um, anything else?

1 Q2. ____.

2 Q. OKAY. UM, THE TIME IS NOW 1351. I'LL CONCLUDE THE INTERVIEW.

3 WITNESS:

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7 ROSEMARY SANFORD, JANUARY 10, 2011